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2.7.3 Debtors' Retained Causes of Action

2.7.3.1 Preservation of Causes of Action

The Debtors are currently investigating whether to pursue potential causes of action against any Claimants or Entities. The investigation has not been completed. Under the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors are retaining the Debtors' rights to commence and pursue any and all Retained Causes of Action. The Debtors may pursue them before the Effective Date. Otherwise, the Reorganized Debtors may pursue them after the Effective Date. The potential causes of action include the following:

- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, for, or in any way involving, the collection of accounts receivable or general ledger items that are due and owing to the Debtors, including trade receivables, rent and other lease and sublease charges, franchise and/or license fees, payments due under equipment leases and licenses, or other miscellaneous charges;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against customers, including those customers listed in Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book, for accounts receivable, improper setoff, overpayment, or any other claim arising out of the customer relationship;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against vendors, including those vendors listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book, for overpayment, improper setoff, warranty, indemnity, or any other claim arising out of the vendor relationship;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against Entities, including vendors with respect to pre-petition violations of applicable federal or state securities laws;
- All actual actions or potential breach of contract actions against any customers, vendors or Entities who violated the automatic stay after the Petition Date, including those customers or vendors listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against landlords, lessees, sublessees, or assignees arising from various leases, subleases and assignment agreements relating thereto, including actions for unpaid rent, overcharges relating to taxes, common area maintenance and other similar charges, including those claims identified on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against the Debtors' current or former insurance carriers to recover unpaid reimbursements and claims, overpayment of premiums and fees, claims for breach of contract, indemnity obligations or coverage or similar causes of action, including those insurers listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;

- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against purchasers of assets from the Debtors relating to breach of the purchase agreement or unpaid compensation thereunder, including those purchasers listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- Any and all rights to payment against any taxing authority or other potentially liable party, including parties other than the government for reimbursement of taxes and tax payments, listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book for any tax refunds, credits, overpayments or offsets that may be due and owing to the Debtors for taxes that the Debtors may have paid to any such taxing authority;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, relating to deposits or other amounts owed by any creditor, lessor utility, supplier, vendor, landlord, sub-lessee, assignee or other Entity;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, relating to environmental and product liability matters;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, arising out of, or relating to, the Debtors' intellectual property rights;
- Any litigation or lawsuit initiated by any of the Debtors that is currently pending, whether in the Bankruptcy Court, before the American Arbitration Association, or any other court or tribunal or initiated against the Debtors after the Petition Date for which the Debtors may have counterclaims or other rights, including those actions listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against any of the Debtors' former Professionals, except the Asbestos Protected Parties, for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, negligence or professional misconduct or malpractice, or other tortuous conduct, including those former Professionals listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual or potential contract and tort actions that may exist or may subsequently arise; and
- All actual actions or potential actions whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, arising out of, or in connection with the Debtors' business or operations, except actions against the Asbestos Protected Parties to the extent they are released by the Plan.

The above categories of Retained Causes of Action will not be limited in any way by reference to the Exhibits nor are the categories intended to be mutually exclusive.

In addition, it is possible that there are numerous Unknown Causes of Action. The failure to list any such Unknown Causes of Action above, or in Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book, is

not intended to limit the rights of the Reorganized Debtors to pursue any of these actions to the extent the facts underlying such Unknown Causes of Action become known to the Debtors.

2.7.3.2 Maintenance of Causes of Action

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors are retaining all of the Debtors' rights, to commence and pursue, as appropriate, in any court or other tribunal including, without limitation, in an adversary proceeding filed in one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases, any and all causes of action, whether such causes of action accrued before or after the Petition Date, including those Retained Causes of Action listed in Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, in accordance with Bankruptcy Code § 1123(b)(3), any Claims, rights, and causes of action, including the Retained Causes of Action, that the respective Debtors may hold against any Entity will vest in the Reorganized Debtors, and the Reorganized Debtors will retain and may exclusively enforce any and all such Claims, rights or causes of action, including Retained Causes of Action, and commence, pursue and settle the causes of action in accordance with the Plan. The Reorganized Debtors will have the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to institute, prosecute, abandon, settle, or compromise any and all such Claims, rights, and causes of action, including Retained Causes of Action, without the consent or approval of any third party and without any further order of the Court.

2.7.3.3 Avoidance Actions

The Debtors do not possess any causes of action for "Avoidance Actions" (actions or proceedings under Bankruptcy Code §§ 544, 545, 547, 548 or 553). Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 546(a), a debtor has two years after entry of the order for relief to bring Avoidance Actions. The Debtors' order for relief was entered on April 2, 2001; thus the deadline to bring Avoidance Actions was April 2, 2003. The Debtors analyzed potential Avoidance Actions and concluded that none should be commenced. The Debtors then provided their analysis to counsel for the Equity Committee and the various creditors' committees so that they could also determine whether there were any Avoidance Actions. No Avoidance Actions were brought by any party prior to the deadline. The Unsecured Creditors' Committee filed a motion seeking to extend the time within which the Avoidance Actions could be commenced but the Bankruptcy Court denied the motion.

2.7.3.4 Preservation of All Causes of Action not Expressly Settled or Released

Unless a Claim or Retained Cause of Action against a Claimant or other Entity is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised or settled in the Plan or any Final Order, the Debtors expressly reserve such Claim or Retained Cause of Action (including any Unknown Causes of Action) for later adjudication by the Reorganized Debtors. Therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, waiver, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or other) or laches will apply to such Claims or Retained Causes of Action upon or after the Confirmation Date or Effective Date of the Plan based on this Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Confirmation Order, except where such Claims or Retained Causes of Action have been expressly released in the Plan or other Final Order. In addition, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and their successors expressly reserve

the right to pursue or adopt any Claim alleged in any lawsuit in which the Debtors are defendants or an interested party, against any Entity, including the plaintiffs or co-defendants in such lawsuits.

Any Entity that has incurred an obligation to the Debtors (whether on account of services, purchase or sale of goods or otherwise), or who has received services from the Debtors or a transfer of money or property of the Debtors, or who has transacted business with the Debtors, or leased equipment or property from the Debtors should assume that such obligation, transfer, or transaction may be reviewed by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, and may, if appropriate, be the subject of an action after the Effective Date, whether or not (1) such Entity has filed a proof of Claim against the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases, (2) such Claimant's proof of Claim has been objected to, (3) such Claimant's Claim was included in the Debtors' Schedules, or (4) such Claimant's scheduled Claim has been objected to by the Debtors or has been identified by the Debtors as a Disputed Claim, a Contingent Claim, or an Unliquidated Claim.

4.11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 11 of the Plan deals with a variety of miscellaneous matters including:

- authority of the Debtors
- payment of statutory fees
- provisions that must be included in the Plan according to the Fresenius Settlement Agreement and the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement
- dissolution of the Unsecured Creditors' Committee, the Asbestos PI Committee, the Asbestos PD Committee and the Equity Committee
- continued retention of the Future Claimants' Representative
- headings
- governing law
- filing of additional documents
- compliance with tax requirements
- further assurances
- further authorizations

The more significant sections of Article 11 of the Plan are:

Plan § 11.3—Retained Causes of Action

Plan §Section 11.3.1 of the Plan - Maintenance of Causes of Action: Nothing in Section 11.3 of the Plan shall be deemed to be a transfer by the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors of any Claims, causes of action, or defenses relating to assumed executory contracts or otherwise which are required by the Reorganized Debtors to conduct their businesses in the ordinary course subsequent to the Effective Date. Moreover, except as otherwise expressly contemplated by the Plan, the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement, the Fresenius Settlement Agreement or other Plan Documents, from and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall have and retain any and all rights to commence and pursue any and all Claims, causes of action, including the Retained Causes of Action, or defenses against any parties, including Claimants and Holders of Equity Interests, whether such causes of action accrued before or after the Petition Date, including those Retained Causes of Action listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book.

The Reorganized Debtors shall retain and may exclusively enforce any and all such Claims, rights or causes of action, including Retained Causes of Action, and commence, pursue and settle the causes of action in accordance with the Plan. The Reorganized Debtors shall have the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to institute, prosecute, abandon, settle, or compromise any and all such claims, rights, and causes of action, including Retained Causes of Action, without the consent or approval of any third party and without any further order of the Court.

Plan §Section 11.3.2 of the Plan - Preservation of Causes of Action: The Debtors are currently investigating whether to pursue potential causes of action against any Claimants or Entities. The investigation has not been completed to date, and, under the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors retain the right on behalf of the Debtors to commence and pursue any and all Retained Causes of Action. The potential causes of action currently being investigated by the Debtors, which may, but need not, be pursued by the Debtors before the Effective Date or by the Reorganized Debtors, after the Effective Date are described more fully in this Disclosure Statement. In addition, there may be numerous Unknown Causes of Action. The failure to list any such Unknown Causes of Action in the Plan, or on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book, is not intended to limit the rights of the Reorganized Debtors to pursue any Unknown Cause of Action to the extent the facts underlying such Unknown Cause of Action become fully known to the Debtors.

Plan §Section 11.3.3 of the Plan - Preservation of All Causes of Action not Expressly Settled or Released: Unless a Claim or cause of action against a Claimant or other Entity is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised or settled in the Plan or any Final Order, the Debtors expressly reserve such Claim or Retained Cause of Action (including any Unknown Causes of Action) for later adjudication by the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable. Therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, waiver, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise) or laches shall apply to such Claims or Retained Causes of Action upon or after the Confirmation Date or Effective Date of the Plan based on this Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Confirmation Order, except where such Claims or Retained Causes of Action have been released in the Plan or other Final Order. In addition, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the successor entities under the Plan expressly reserve the right to pursue or adopt any Claim alleged in any lawsuit in which the Debtors are defendants or an interested party, against any Entity, including the plaintiffs or co-defendants in such lawsuits.

Any Entity to whom the Debtors have incurred an obligation (whether on account of services, purchase or sale of goods or otherwise), or who has received services from the Debtors or a transfer of money or property of the Debtors, or who has transacted business with the Debtors, or leased equipment or property from the Debtors should assume that such obligation, transfer, or transaction may be reviewed by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, and may, if appropriate, be the subject of an action after the Effective Date, whether or not (i) such Entity has filed a proof of Claim against the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases; (ii) such Claimant's proof of Claim has been objected to; (iii) such Claimant's Claim was included in the Debtors' Schedules; or (iv) such Claimant's scheduled Claim has been objected to by the Debtors or has been identified by the Debtors as a Disputed Claim, a Contingent Claim, or an Unliquidated Claim.

Plan §Section 11.4 of the Plan - Third-Party Agreements: The Distributions to the various classes of Claims in the Plan will not affect the right of any Entity to levy, garnish, attach, or employ any other legal process with respect to such Distributions by reason of any claimed subordination rights or otherwise. All of such rights and any agreements relating thereto will remain in full force and effect.

Plan §Section 11.8 of the Plan - Exculpation: None of the Reorganized Debtors, the Debtors, the Non-Debtor Affiliates, the Sealed Air Indemnified Parties, the Fresenius Indemnified Parties, the Trustees of the Asbestos Trust, the Asbestos Trust Advisory Committee, the Asbestos PI Committee, the Asbestos PD Committee, the Unsecured Creditors' Committee, the Equity Committee, the FCR, or any of their respective Representatives are to have or incur any liability to any Entity for any **pre- or post-Petition Date** act or omission in connection with, **related to,** or arising out of the negotiation of the Plan or the settlement provided in the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement and the Fresenius Settlement Agreement, the pursuit of confirmation of the Plan, the consummation of the Plan or the settlement provided in the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement or Fresenius Settlement Agreement, or the administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan **so long as, in each case such action, or failure to act, did not constitute willful misconduct.** In all respects, they will be entitled to rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities under the Plan. **Any act or omission taken with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court will be conclusively deemed not to constitute willful misconduct. This section is not intended to preclude a governmental entity from enforcing its police and regulatory powers.**

Plan §Section 11.9 of the Plan - Title to Assets; Discharge of Liabilities: Upon the transfer of the Sealed Air Payment into the Asbestos Trust, and the transfer of the Debtors' Payment into the Asbestos Trust, each such transfer shall be vested in the Asbestos Trust free and clear of all Claims, Equity Interests, Encumbrances, and other interests of any Entity. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan and in accordance with Bankruptcy Code § 1123(b)(3), on the Effective Date, title to all of the Debtors' assets and properties and interests in property, including the Retained Causes of Action, shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors free and clear of all Claims, Equity Interests, Encumbrances, and other interests, and the Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of discharge of the liabilities of the Debtors.

Plan §Section 11.10 of the Plan - Notices: Any notices, statements, requests, and demands required or permitted to be provided under the Plan, in order to be effective, must be: (i) in writing (including by facsimile transmission), and unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made (A) if personally delivered or if delivered by facsimile or courier service, when actually received by the Entity to whom notice is sent, (B) if deposited with the United States Postal Service (but only when actually received), at the close of business on the third business day following the day when placed in the mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered with return receipt requested, or (C) one (1) Business Day after being sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid) (but only when actually received) and (ii) addressed to the appropriate Entity or Entities to whom such notice, statement, request or demand is directed (and, if required, its counsel), at the address of such Entity or Entities set forth in the Plan (or at such other address as such Entity may designate from time to time by written notice to all other Entities listed below in accordance with Section 11.10 of the Plan).

Plan §Section 11.15 of the Plan - Exemption from Transfer Taxes: Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 1146(c), the issuance, transfer, or exchange of notes or equity securities under the Plan, the creation of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest, the making or assignment of any lease or sublease, or the making or delivery of any deed or other instrument

of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with the Plan shall be exempt from all taxes as provided in Bankruptcy Code § 1146(c).